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SUBJ: NEW UK PERMREP DISCUSSES US RELATIONS WITH UK AND
EUROPE

1. AT HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE MAR 29 AT UN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION, NEW UK PERMREP IVOR RICHARD SAID THAT IMPROVEMENT IN US RELATIONS WITH EUROPE IS "VERY, VERY HIGH ON OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES". HE ADDED THAT ONE OF FIRST ACTS OF NEW LABOR GOVT WAS TO "START THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING THESE RELATIONS" WHOSE "DETERIORATION" OVER THE LAST YEAR HE TERMED "EXTRA-ORDINARILY REGRETTABLE".

2. RICHARD SAID THAT UK NOW TRYING TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH US AND THAT PROSPECTS ARE NOW "BETTER". HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON WERE HELD IN "VERY CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE" AND THAT RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH TWO OTHER STATE DEPT OFFICIALS IN LONDON WERE "VERY HELPFUL". RICHARD ADDED THAT UK "WANTS CLOSE RELATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH US" AND THE SAME TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE US.

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3. ON UK RELATIONS WITH THE COMMON MARKET, RICHARD SAID
THAT NEW LABOR GOVT HOPES TO NEGOTIATE "BETTER TERMS" AND
THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN DISCUSSION ON AGRICULTURE.
HE SAID RE-NEGOTIATION WILL BE HANDLED "STEP BY STEP WITHIN
THE COMMON MARKET FRAMEWORK."
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